



# ANNUAL REPORT

for 1970

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

R. G. BRENNEN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.



CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT

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HEALTH COMMITTEE

(Constitution at 31st December, 1970)

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Engineer, Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector

G. LONGLEY, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

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H.V. CACKETT, M.R.S.H.

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Post Vacant

Public Health Inspectors' Clerk:

Mrs. H. Lynn-Thomson

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Mr. E. Day

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CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT

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To the Chairman and Members of the Cranbrook Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the District for 1970.

The estimated mid-year population of the District, given by the Registrar-General, was 16,320, a decrease of 240 over the mid-1969 figure.

The total number of registered live births was 214 (109 males and 105 females), this figure being lower than last year's total of 225. The crude birth rate was 13.1 per 1,000 population, the corrected birth rate being 16.5 compared with 16.0 for England and Wales.

The number of deaths from all causes totalled 199 (78 males and 121 females). The crude death rate per 1,000 population was 12.2. The corrected death rate for the District was 10.7 compared with 11.7 for England and Wales.

Deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 8, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 37.0. The rate for England and Wales was 18.0. The Neo-Natal Death Rate (the number of deaths of infants under four weeks) was 23.0.

There were 8 deaths from Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus (7 males and 1 female), compared with 14 last year.

The number of notifiable infectious diseases recorded in the District was 117, compared with 292 in 1969.

On page 116 of this Report, figures are given showing the number of persons immunised and vaccinated during the year under review.

My thanks are due to the County Medical Officer, and to the Regional Hospital Board, for details of their services embodied in the Report. It is also refreshing to add that, in the present complexities of an administration thought so ripe for change, I have had the ready co-operation of workers and colleagues in all branches of the health services, no less than from within the ranks of local government.

My thanks, in particular, are due to the staff of the health department and to Mr. Longley as always.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. G. BRENNEN

Medical Officer of Health

### GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	41,315 acres
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Population:

R.G.'s Estimate mid-1970	16,320
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R.G.'s Estimate mid-1969	16,560
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R.G.'s Estimate mid-1970 for England and Wales	48,987,700
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Density of population: i.e. number of persons per acre	0.4
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Number of inhabited houses:	5,267
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Rateable Value:	£525,047
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Sum produced by a penny rate:	£2,035
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SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA  
EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1970

			Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
LIVE  BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	104	272	85	44	222	284	364	1,375
		Female	93	281	94	47	211	249	319	1,294
		Total	197	553	179	91	433	533	683	2,669
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	5	24	4	6	14	8	35	96
		Female	12	21	7	6	8	23	36	113
		Total	17	45	11	12	22	31	71	209
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS			214	598	190	103	455	564	754	2,878
CRUDE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 of mid year population 1970			13.1	13.1	10.5	10.6	15.4	19.2	16.5	14.8
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General			1.26	1.07	1.13	1.14	1.03	0.98	1.10	-
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE			16.5	14.0	11.9	12.1	15.9	18.8	18.2	-
STILL  BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	3	3	-	-	2	2	4	14
		Female	2	7	1	1	3	3	1	18
		Total	5	10	1	1	5	5	5	32
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
		Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Total	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL STILL BIRTHS			6	11	1	1	5	5	5	34
STILL BIRTHS RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births			27	18	5	10	11	9	7	11.7
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS			220	609	191	104	460	569	759	2,912

		Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
INFANT DEATHS (under one year)	Male	4	10	1	-	7	3	9	34
	Female	4	6	-	2	2	5	3	22
	TOTAL	8	16	1	2	9	8	12	56
INFANT MORTALITY RATES:									
All infants per 1,000 live births		37	27	5	19	20	14	16	19.4
NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births		23	22	5	10	11	9	8	12.5
EARLY NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births		19	20	-	10	11	9	8	11.5
PERI-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births		45	38	5	19	22	18	14	23.0
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DEATHS	Male	78	220	75	52	153	164	298	1,040
	Female	121	226	127	68	159	158	447	1,306
	TOTAL	199	446	202	120	312	322	745	2,346
CRUDE DEATH RATE per 1,000 of mid year. population 1970		12.2	9.8	11.2	12.3	10.6	10.9	16.3	12.1
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar General		0.88	0.99	0.83	0.79	0.85	0.97	0.54	-
ADJUSTED DEATH RATE		10.7	9.7	9.3	9.7	9.0	10.6	8.8	-



SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)  
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	1	2
Late effects of Respiratory T.B.	1	-	1
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	1	2
Whooping Cough	-	1	1
Syphilis and its Sequelae	-	1	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	4	1	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.,	5	6	11
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	13	1	14
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	24	22	46
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	13	50	63
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	80	32	112
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	58	58
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	11	11
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	21	-	21
Leukaemia	5	2	7
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.,	56	71	127
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	3	3	6
Diabetes Mellitus	3	10	13
Other Endocrine, etc., Diseases	1	4	5
Anaemias	2	6	8
Mental Disorders	3	2	5
Multiple Sclerosis	-	3	3
Meningitis	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System, Etc.,	3	12	15
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	6	7	13
Hypertensive Disease	21	21	42
Ischaemic Heart Disease	292	256	548
Other Forms of Heart Disease	39	114	153
Cerebrovascular Disease	117	229	346

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)  
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough
M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F	M F
-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	1	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	1	-	-	1	-	-
-	2	1	-	1	-	2
2	4	1	1	2	1	1
2	4	1	1	4	2	3
2	2	2	2	3	10	7
-	1	-	-	-	-	13
7	20	5	3	14	7	2
-	-	-	4	-	3	17
4	11	-	1	-	11	8
-	1	-	-	-	2	17
-	4	4	2	2	-	4
1	1	1	3	-	5	3
4	10	7	-	-	-	-
4	16	11	1	7	-	2
-	2	-	6	6	11	1
-	-	-	-	1	12	16
-	1	-	-	-	2	1
-	1	-	-	-	3	2
-	1	-	-	-	1	1
-	1	1	-	-	1	-
1	-	2	1	-	-	2
-	1	-	-	-	2	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	1	-	-
-	1	-	-	1	2	1
-	1	1	1	1	-	6
-	2	-	-	-	1	3
2	4	1	2	3	4	7
19	61	22	13	51	50	76
4	43	22	9	26	26	94
10	6	6	-	8	6	13
16	16	16	4	13	16	43
	31	6	20	27	30	86
	34	16				

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)  
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	38	85	123
Influenza	12	19	31
Pneumonia	91	130	221
Bronchitis and Emphysema.	67	22	89
Asthma	2	3	5
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	11	11	22
Peptic Ulcer	7	10	17
Appendicitis	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	7	7	14
Cirrhosis of Liver	2	2	4
Other Diseases of Digestive System	5	14	19
Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	4	7
Hyperplasia of Prostate	7	-	7
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	6	14	20
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	1	1
Other complications of Pregnancy, etc.,	-	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	5	6
Congenital Anomalies	7	8	15
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.,	11	6	17
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	3	5	8
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions	6	7	13
Motor Vehicle Accidents	17	7	24
All Other Accidents	9	11	20
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	10	6	16
All Other External Causes	-	3	3
TOTALS	1,040	1,306	2,346



SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)  
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tonbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
6	11	8	18	4	7	3	2	3	10	4	6	10	31
-	2	3	2	-	2	3	2	2	4	1	-	3	7
4	7	23	33	10	15	3	4	9	15	13	10	29	46
2	-	6	7	2	3	8	1	10	4	14	2	25	5
-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
3	1	-	6	-	1	-	-	2	1	3	-	3	2
1	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	3	-	1	6
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
-	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	3	3
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
1	-	2	3	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	3	1	4
-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-
-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	3	-	2	3	6
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1
-	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	1	1
1	1	4	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	4	-
-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	6	3
3	1	3	1	2	-	-	1	4	1	3	1	2	2
1	2	4	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	2	2	2	2
2	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	2	1
-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
78	121	220	226	75	127	52	68	153	159	164	158	298	447

CAUSES OF DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 24 hours	1 day to 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	TOTAL
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Congenital Anomalies	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
TOTALS	2	2	-	1	-	5	2	1	-	-	8

DEATHS FROM LUNG CANCER DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS

YEAR	20 - 34 years		35 - 44 years		45 - 64 years		65 - 74 years		75 years and over		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1961	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	2	-	8	-
1962	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	1	-	-	6	1
1963	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	1	-	8	-
1964	-	-	-	1	3	-	3	-	1	-	7	1
1965	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	1	2	-	9	2
1966	-	-	2	-	5	1	1	-	1	1	9	2
1967	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	-	4	2
1968	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	1	3	-	8	1
1969	-	-	-	1	2	2	5	1	2	1	9	5
1970	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	1	7	1
TOTALS	-	-	2	2	36	5	23	5	14	3	75	15

AGES OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Total Cases (all ages)	Under 1 year	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25-44 yrs.	45-64 yrs.	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	6	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	104	4	12	9	19	8	48	3	1	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
TOTALS	117	5	12	9	19	10	56	3	1	1	1	-

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISEASE	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTALS
Scarlet Fever	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3
Measles	2	-	-	2	72	8	7	12	-	1	-	-	104
Infective Jaundice	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTALS	8	2	-	2	73	9	7	13	-	2	1	-	117

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS - SUMMARY OF CASES

	- M A L E -		- F E M A L E -		TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Cases on register at beginning of year	75	12	50	23	160
Cases added	2	-	-	-	2
Cases removed	1	-	1	-	2
Cases remaining	76	12	49	23	160

NUMBER OF CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS  
DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS

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Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total Deaths
	No. of cases Notified	Deaths	No. of cases Notified	Deaths	
1961	2	3	2	-	3
1962	2	-	1	1	1
1963	1	2	1	-	2
1964	4	1	-	-	1
1965	3	-	-	-	-
1966	2	3	-	-	3
1967	1	3	-	-	3
1968	1	-	-	-	-
1969	2	1	-	-	1
1970	2	-	-	-	-



# IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1970 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security.

Year of Birth	P R I M A R Y						R E I N F O R C I N G						
	Triple Antigen	Diph- theria Tetanus	Small- pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio- mye- litis	Rubella	Triple Antigen	Diph- theria Tetanus	Small- pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio- mye- litis
1970	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	109	4	97	-	16	138	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
1968	35	2	}	-	28	22	-	10	56	-	1	-	-
1967	1	2		-	13	3	-	8	14	-	-	-	-
1966	-	-	-	1	9	1	-	-	4	-	1	-	6
1965	1	3	-	-	6	-	-	-	107	-	3	-	130
1963/64	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	26	-	4	-	45
1954/62	-	2	-	19	9	-	62	-	6	31	33	-	4
TOTALS	148	13	97	20	85	164	62	21	215	31	42	-	185

## REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936  
as amended by the Nursing Homes Act, 1963)

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for:		
		Maternity	Others	Total
Homes registered during year	-	-	-	-
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during year	-	-	-	-
Homes on register at end of year	2	-	166	166

Visits of inspection, and special visits as required, are made to the above Nursing Homes during the year.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

(Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention)

No action was necessary under these Enactments during the year.

### Laboratory Service

The Public Health Laboratory Service, under the Directorship of Dr. A.L. Furniss, provided excellent facilities during the year for the examination of specimens and full co-operation with the staff was maintained. Valuable facilities are also available in the Pathological Departments of the following hospitals: Kent and Sussex, Pembury, Sevenoaks and Orpington.

### International Vaccination Certificates

These are authenticated on request, in accordance with International Agreements. In co-operation with the immigration authorities, persons arriving in this country from infected or suspected areas without valid certificates are kept under surveillance by the Health Department.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT  
provided by the Kent County Council

Ambulance Facilities

Enquiries relating to ambulance service matters and requests for ambulance transport are dealt with by the Kent County Council Ambulance Service from their station at Vestry Hall, Cranbrook (Tel. Cranbrook 3132).

Principal Welfare Officer

Mr. W.J. Robb,  
"Clermont",  
High Street,  
Cranbrook  
Tel. Cranbrook 3150

Domiciliary Midwifery

The County Council arranges for the free attendance of midwives upon patients who are to be confined at home. The name and address of the appropriate midwife for any particular District is usually known to the patient's doctor but can be obtained from the District Office of the County Council.

Home Nursing Service

The County Council provides a service free of charge for the attendance on persons whose doctors require them to be nursed in their own homes. The nurse's attendance is normally arranged by the doctor, but the name and address of the appropriate nurse for any particular District is obtainable from the District Office of the County Council.

Domestic Help Service

Domestic help service may be provided in households where it is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally subnormal, aged or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary household duties.

Area Domestic Help Organiser

Mrs. G. Richardson,  
50a, Kings Street,  
Maidstone

District Domestic Help Organiser

Mrs. V. Warren,  
The Bungalow,  
50a, Kings Street,  
Maidstone



### Night and Evening Service

Evening service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or housebound and have no one to assist them to prepare for the night and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink, and attention to fires. Night service is provided, for no longer than three weeks unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and who need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

### Family Care Service

After consultation with the Children's Department, this service is provided for the short-term care of children in their own homes during the absence of the mother by reason of admission to hospital for illness or confinement or in other special circumstances. Help is given only to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

### Family Welfare Service

This service is provided, with the parents consent, in households where the habits, behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families, to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together, and prevent their break-up. Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-on service for nine months. In families where there is medical evidence of mental subnormality the continuance of the service after the initial period of three months may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

### Health Visitor

Mrs. E.M. Coomber

### Old People's Home

Hartley House

Tel. Cranbrook 3139

# CHILD WELFARE CENTRES & CLINICS

<u>Centre</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Day and Time</u>
St. George's Club Room, Benenden	Child Welfare	2nd & 4th Wed. P.M.
K.C.C. Clinic, Jockey Lane, Cranbrook (Tel. Cranbrook 3032)	Child Welfare School Clinic Dental (Ante Natal Midwives Clinic Relaxation Class Midwives Clinic	Friday P.M. 1st Wed. A.M. Thurs. A.M. & P.M. ( 2nd & 4th Mon. 2 - 3 p.m. 2nd & 4th Mon. 3 - 4 p.m.
Ex-Servicemen's Club, Goudhurst	Child Welfare	1st & 3rd Thurs.P.M.
Women's Institute Hall, Hawkhurst	Child Welfare	2nd & 4th Thurs.P.M.
Old School Rooms, Sandhurst	Child Welfare	1st & 3rd Thurs. P.M.

Cytology Clinics by appointment only

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

### Hospitals

The Hospital Management Committees of the South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board covering the hospitals in the Joint Health Area are set out below:-

Tunbridge Wells Hospital Management Committee:  
Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells  
Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23444

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Pembury Hospital  
Kent and Sussex Hospital  
Homoeopathic Hospital  
Tonbridge Cottage Hospital  
Tunbridge Wells Maternity Hospital  
Hawkenbury Hospital  
Edenbridge & District Memorial Hospital  
David Salomons House, Southborough  
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital

Cray Valley and Sevenoaks Hospital Management Committee:  
Orpington Hospital, Orpington  
Tel. Orpington 27050

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Sevenoaks Hospital  
Emily Jackson Wing of Sevenoaks Hospital  
Sundridge Hospital

### Chest Clinics

<u>Address</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Times</u>
Baltic Road, Tonbridge	Monday	2 - 4 p.m.
Pembury Hospital, Pembury	Wednesday	2 - 4 p.m.
Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells	Friday	All day
Sevenoaks Chest Clinic, Outpatients Dept., Sevenoaks Hospital	Wednesday	Morning

### Clinic for Treatment of Venereal Diseases

Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells	Tuesday (females) Tuesday (males)	10a.m. to 11 a.m. 11 a.m. to 12 noon
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# CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

### 1. Water Supply

The District is well served by means of the Mid Kent Water Company. Examination reports on water samples taken during the year were as follows:-

	Bacteriological Examination			Chemical Examination		
	No. of Samples	Satis- factory	Not satis- factory	No. of Samples	Satis- factory	Not satis- factory
Statutory supply undertakings	13	13	Nil	1	1	Nil
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	-	-	-	-	-	-

Proportion of the total number of dwellinghouses supplied by public water mains:

- (a) Direct to houses 99%
- (b) By means of stand-pipes Nil

During the year 350 yds. of 3" and 53 yds. of 4" mains were laid by the Mid Kent Water Company.

### 2. Drainage and Sewerage

Work is proceeding on a new disposal works at Cranbrook. The new sewers have been completed.

A total of 720 septic tanks were emptied during the year, compared with 656 in 1969 and 615 in 1968.

### 3. Refuse Collection and Disposal

During the year the Council purchased a mechanical shovel, thus enabling more time to be spent on the tip with consequently improved results.

Suitable tipping sites are still very difficult to find. Application has been made for planning consent for a new tip at Flishinghurst.

A total of 128 special collections of bulky articles were made during 1970, the large majority of these being free of charge.



#### 4. Swimming Pools

Number of school swimming pools	...	...	...	...	...	13
Number of private swimming pools	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of visits made during the year	...	...	...	...	...	6
Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

#### 5. Inspection of the District

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	108
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	1,681
Informal Notices:			
Served during the year	...	...	87
Complied with during the year	...	...	72
Statutory Notices:			
Served during the year	...	...	7
Complied with during the year:			
(a) by owners	...	...	7
(b) by local authority in default	...	...	Nil
Legal proceedings taken during the year	...	...	Nil

#### Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	401
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	53
Visits to Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	180
Visits re Food Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	4
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	6
Factories Act, 1961	...	...	...	...	...	65
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	92
Shops Acts 1950/65	...	...	...	...	...	1
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	48
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	26
Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	1
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	6
Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	...	...	...	...	4
Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	3
Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964	...	...	...	...	...	34
Hop Pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...	...	31
Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	24
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention	...	...	...	...	...	4
Noise Abatement	...	...	...	...	...	6
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	4
Meat Inspection at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	46
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	642
						<hr/> 1,681 <hr/>

## 6. Hop Pickers' Camps

Number of camps in the District	...	...	...	...	...	38
Number of huts in the District	...	...	...	...	...	350
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	720
Number of inspections of hop pickers' camps during 1970	...	...	...	...	...	31

The number of pickers from outside the District continues to diminish.

## 7. Disinfestation

Infestations were dealt with as follows:-

Cockroaches 28; Cluster Flies 2; Bees 2; Wasps Nests 15;

## 8. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Properties other than Sewers:

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	NON- AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in District	6,078	240
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	101	18
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	65	7
(ii) Mice	6	4
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	219	31
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	18	5
(ii) Mice	1	4

## SEWERS

Sewer treatment was carried out during the year but no infestation was found.

9. Rag, Flock & Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Number of registered premises	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
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10. Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957

Number of licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	2
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Number of inspections made during the year	...	...	...	...	...	1
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11. Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	6
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12. Pet Animals Act, 1951

Number of premises licensed	...	...	...	...	...	1
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Number of visits made	...	...	...	...	...	4
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13. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

Number of premises licensed	...	...	...	...	...	1
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Number of visits made	...	...	...	...	...	3
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14. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Number of dealers registered	...	...	...	...	...	3
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FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	10	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	62	21	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	43	38	-	-
TOTALS	115	65	1	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	3	-	1	-



PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Number of Outworkers ... .. Nil

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	4	63	9
Retail shops	2	114	44
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	2	14	14
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	8	191	67

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act ... .. 92

(B) Analysis of Contraventions

Section	Contraventions	No. found	Section	Contraventions	No. found
4	Cleanliness	2	13	Sitting facilities	-
5	Overcrowding	-	14	Seats (sedentary workers)	-
6	Temperature	-	15	Eating facilities	-
7	Ventilation	-	16	Floors, passages & stairs	1
8	Lighting	-	17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery	-
9	Sanitary conveniences	-	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
10	Washing facilities	-	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
11	Supply of drinking water	-	23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
12	Clothing accommodation	1	24	First Aid General Provisions	-
				Total	4

The small number of contraventions found were all dealt with informally.

(C) Exemptions

Number of applications received ... Nil  
Number of applications granted ... Nil

(D) Prosecutions

Number instituted and completed during the year Nil

(E) Reported Accidents

... Nil

HOUSING

(A) Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts

Number of houses rendered fit after service of notice:

	Sections 9, 10 and 16 Housing Act, 1957		Public Health and similar Local Acts		Totals	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
(a) By Owner	63	6	-	1	63	7
(b) By Local Authority	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	63	6	-	1	63	7

(B) General Orders - Housing Act, 1957

Number of (1) Undertakings accepted (Section 16) ... 3  
(2) Closing Orders made (Section 17) ... -  
(3) Demolition Orders made (Section 17) ... -  
(4) Closing Orders made (Section 13) ... -  
(5) Closing Orders made (Section 27) ... -  
(6) Closing Orders made and Demolition  
Orders made (Section 27) ... -  
(7) Houses demolished following Demolition Orders ... -  
(8) Houses repaired under Section 24 after  
Demolition Orders ... -

(C) Clearance Areas

(1) Represented during the year ... Nil

(2) Action taken during the year

(i) Houses demolished by Local Authority or Owners

(a) Unfit	...	...	1
(b) Others	...	...	-
(ii) Number of people displaced	(a) Individuals	...	2
	(b) Families	...	1

(3) Purchase of houses by agreement ... .. Nil

(D) Improvement Grants

(1) Discretionary

	<u>Owner/Occupiers</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
(i) Number of applications received	22	-
(ii) Number of applications approved	21	-
(iii) Number of applications refused	1	-
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	12	-
	£	
(v) Amount paid in grants	4,636	- 00
(vi) Average grant per house	386	- 00

(2) Standard

	<u>Owner/Occupiers</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
(i) Number of applications received	26	4
(ii) Number of applications approved	26	4
(iii) Number of applications refused	-	-
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	11	3
	£	
(v) Amount paid in grants	2,056	- 00
(vi) Average grant per house	146	- 00
(vii) Amenities provided		
(a) fixed bath or shower		12
(b) wash hand basin		12
(c) hot water supply (to any fittings)		10
(d) water closet (1) within dwelling		14
(2) accessible from dwelling		-
(e) sink		7

(3) Special Grants (Multiple Occupied Premises)

Number of applications received	...	...	...	Nil
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(E) Housing Act, 1969

(1) General Improvement Areas

Number of areas	(a)	Surveyed	...	...	...	...	Nil
	(b)	Declared	...	...	...	...	Nil

(2) Qualification Certificates

(a) Cases where Improvements Required

(i)	Number of applications for Qualification Certificates - Section 44(2)	...	4
(ii)	Number of Certificates of Provisional Approval issued	... ..	4
(iii)	Number of Qualification Certificates issued - Section 46(3)	... ..	3

(b) Standard Amenities already Provided

(i)	Number of applications for Qualification Certificates - Section 44(1)	...	5
(ii)	Number of Qualification Certificates issued - Section 45(2)	... ..	1

(F) Improvement Areas - Housing Act, 1964

(1)	Number of dwellings improved	... ..	Nil
(2)	Dwellings outside improvement area		
	Number of representations made by tenants	... ..	Nil

(G) Houses in Multiple Occupation

No houses falling into this category were inspected during the year.

Land Charge Enquiries

A total of 479 enquiries were dealt with during the year.

Caravans (as at 31st December, 1970)

Number of site licences issued	...	...	...	...	8
Total number of caravans permitted on licensed sites...					9
Number of caravans on unlicensed sites	...	...	...		7
Number of sites (if any) licensed for movable dwellings other than caravans	...	...	...		Nil

Common Lodging Houses

Number registered in the District	...	...	...	...	Nil
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supplies

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	24
Number of registered dairies - Wholesale	...	...	...		Nil
Retail	...	...	...		2

Milk Sampling

	Number of Samples taken	Number of Unsatisfactory Samples
Untreated	3 for Br.Abortus	-
Pasteurised	-	-
Sterilised	-	-

2. Ice Cream

Number of premises registered	(a) for the manufacture of ice cream	Nil
	(b) for the sale of ice cream	52

3. Premises registered for the Manufacture of Preserved Foods

<u>Classification</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>
Sausage Making	10



#### 4. Slaughterhouses

Number in District ... .. 1

#### CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	52	-	1	21	1	-
Number inspected	52	-	1	21	1	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	12	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	23	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of slaughtermen's licences renewed during the year ... .. 2

Number of new licences issued during the year ... .. Nil

5. Food Premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Category of Trade	Number in District	Number fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (wash basins)	Number to which Reg. 19 applies (provision of sinks, etc.)	Number fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Bakehouses	5	5	5	5
Dairies	2	2	2	2
Butchers	10	10	10	10
Restaurants & Cafes	26	26	26	26
Confectioners	23	23	23	23
Fish Shops	3	3	-	-
Licensed Premises	36	36	36	36
Grocers	36	36	36	36
Greengrocers	3	3	-	-

6. Food & Drugs Act, 1955

Details of samples taken by the Kent County Sampling Officers within the Cranbrook Rural District during the year ended 31st December, 1970

	<u>Satis- factory</u>	<u>Unsatis- factory</u>
Milk ... ..	18	-
Butter, margarine, lard, cooking fats, cheese (including processed cheese)...	1	-
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes	3	-
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals...	4	2
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials	1	-
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies ... ..	3	-
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables ... ..	2	-
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments ... ..	4	-
Drugs, medicines ... ..	5	-
Ice Cream ... ..	1	1
Beer, wines, spirits ... ..	5	-
Miscellaneous ... ..	6	-
	<u>53</u>	<u>3</u>

## Unsatisfactory Samples

### Part loaf of bread

Piece of wire in loaf. Faulty wire brush replaced and baker cautioned.

### Swiss Roll

Dead fruit flies inside wrapper. Faulty wrapper. Manufacturers advised.

### Dairy Ice Cream containing Strawberries and Cream

Did not contain whole strawberries as depicted. Production discontinued.

## 7. Poultry Inspection

Number of poultry processing premises within the District   ...   ...   Nil

## 8. Unsound Food

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Fish	-	-	-	14	-
Meat	-	-	1	15	-
Tinned Foods	-	-	2	15	-
Other Food	7	1	-	-	-

Plus 517 boxes of melons

Unsound meat is stained before collection for industrial use. Other unsound foods are buried in the refuse tip.

## 9. Food Poisoning

No case of food poisoning was notified during the year.



### RAINFALL

The monthly figures in inches for rainfall recorded at the Council's Depot at Cranbrook are as follows:-

Month	Rainfall	No. of days on which a measurable quantity fell
January	4.34	23
February	2.49	20
March	2.45	16
April	2.99	24
May	1.08	7
June	0.52	5
July	2.12	11
August	2.27	11
September	3.93	13
October	0.67	8
November	6.18	21
December	2.54	18
Total	31.58	177

The average annual rainfall recorded over the previous ten years was 31.87.

The quantity of rain recorded at the Sandhurst Sewage Works during the year was 780.9 mms. (30.74 ins.).





